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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The " Telegraph."]

### AMERICA'S ENTRY.

House of Representatives Favours War.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the House of Representatives has passed a resolution in favour of war.

Lady Representative Overcome.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the House of Representatives passed a resolution in favour of war by 373 against 50.

Miss Rankin did not answer the first roll call, but sat with bowed head. She rose at the second call, and said sobbingly:—"I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war." Cries of "Vote, vote" were heard from all parts of the House. Finally Miss Rankin sank into her seat and was recorded as voting in the negative.

For German Consumption.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says the German newspapers have published a heavily-censored version of President Wilson's speech. His references to the activities of German spies in the United States and his remarks pertaining to Germany's efforts to stir up Mexico are notably suppressed and the denunciation of autocrats much toned down.

French Joy.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, President Poincaré has sent a message to President Wilson in which he refers to "the joy and pride with which the French nation again feels their hearts beating in union with yours." He says: "The war could not have attained its full significance if the United States had not been led by the enemy himself to participate."

The Chamber and the Senate were crowded to listen to the tributes of the Chairmen, M. Deschanel and Dubois, and the Premier, M. Ribot, whose eloquent orations have been plaudited throughout France.

The Municipality of Paris ordered that President Wilson's speech shall be published in book form and distributed to all the school children.

Huge War Appropriations.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that the Executive Departments have requested Congress for the immediate appropriation of three billion, four hundred million dollars for the Army and Navy, of which over two billion, nine hundred and thirty millions are for the Army.

Austria's Attitude.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a Vienna message says that the Austrian Ambassador has been instructed to demand passports if Congress ratified the state of the war against Germany.

A "Diplomatic Denial."

London, April 6.  
In the House of Representatives, Mr. Lansing denied the statement made by a member of the Foreign Relations Committee concerning Herr Zimmermann's vote (mentioned in our earlier telegrams), but the latter reiterated that his information was correct, and said that Mr. Lansing's denial was diplomatic in the interest of good relations with Mexico.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

Heavy Norwegian Losses.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Christiania, forty-one Norwegian vessels were torpedoed in February. Fourteen of the crews were killed, and 22 are missing. Sixty-four vessels were torpedoed in March, when 46 were killed and 100 are missing.

Brazilian Liner Sunk.

London, April 6.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Cherbourg, the Brazilian liner, Parana, has been sunk. Thirteen of the crew are missing.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro, the Foreign Minister, referring to the above, stated that Brazil had been prudent in the past, but all the world should see that she could be firm.

A Sole Survivor.

London, April 6.  
A water-logged boat has been picked up on the ocean by a single occupant, who was unconscious. He was a carpenter on a British barque, and he told a terrible tale of suffering. After leaving the submarine barque in a boat with twelve occupants, it capsized in a gale. Eight went to the bottom and the boat righted itself, but again capsized. Once more it was righted, but seven died successively in the course of the following twenty-four hours from exposure.

AERIAL RAID ON KENTISH COAST.

London, April 6.  
The Press Bureau announces that an aeroplane passed over the Kentish coast towns at 10.45 p.m. yesterday and dropped eight bombs. The majority fell on open country, and there was no explosion or damage.

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### THE ADVANCE IN THE WEST.

A Day of Sanguinary Defeats for the Enemy.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Paris states that, according to the views of a French expert, no obstacle checks the offensive of the Allied armies, or stops their dash. Yesterday was another day of sanguinary defeat for the enemy, for, despite a desperate defence, the Department of the Somme was entirely freed of the invader. French reconnaissances reached to within 1,500 yards of the gates of St. Quentin.

The Germans attempted big diversions in Argonne and Champaign, especially the latter, where there was every kind of bombardment, and the employment of elite troops, but only an ephemeral success was gained.

Enemy Again Uses Liquid Fire.

London, April 6.  
A French communiqué of yesterday evening, issued to-day, states:—We silenced vigorous enemy artillery firing north of Le Villiers.

The enemy, using liquid fire, attacked north of Vienne le Château, on the western boundary of Argonne. He was repulsed, leaving dead and some prisoners.

A German attack at Sepignal and Godat farm developed on a front of 2,500 metres. The enemy collected numerous selected storming troops, but the attack completely failed.

A German Report.

London, April 6.  
A German wireless official message states:—Four British aeroplanes which reached Douai were chased and all destroyed. Apart from these, the enemy lost eight machines. Three of ours are missing.

Considerable French Progress.

London, April 6.  
There has been fairly lively artillery firing during the night between the Somme and the Oise.

A German counter-attack was stopped dead north of La Folie farm.

We made considerable progress south of the Oise and north of Landricourt.

We made progress by means of grenades and re-occupied fresh portions of the trench north-west of Rethim.

COUNT VON BERNSTORFF:

Reported Appointment to Sweden.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says it is reported that Count von Bernstorff, late German Ambassador to America, will be appointed Minister at Stockholm. This is significant in view of the appointment of a strong Conservative Cabinet in Sweden.

A HELPLESS GERMAN SUBMARINE.

How Norwegian Assistance was Rewarded.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that the Norwegian steamer Nausa, from Cadiz, towed a helpless German submarine from the North Sea towards Germany at the request of the latter.

Eight German torpedo boats appeared off the Jutland coast and took the Nausa to Cuxhaven, refusing to pilot the boat back through the mine-field.

The Nausa is detained at Hamburg, despite protests by the Norwegian authorities.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

London, April 6.  
A French communiqué from Macedonia states that there is cannonading on the whole front.

British aviators bombed an enemy aerodrome at Budova.

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS' FUNERAL.

London, April 6.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that at a national funeral of a hundred and eighty victims of the Revolution, a million civilians and soldiers participated. The factories, shops, schools etc., were closed. The bodies were buried in four corners of a quadrangle space in the centre of the snow-covered Marsovoeple Square.

Six huge processions started at different parts of the town in the morning carrying six coffins covered with red.

Crowds sang a hymn to the victims' eternal memory, alternating it with the revolutionary hymn "You fell as victims". Bands played the Marseillaise, and the guns from the fortresses of St. Peter and St. Paul marked the lowering of each coffin into the trench.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Its Development in Jamaica.

London, April 6.  
A message from Kingston, Jamaica, states that Sir Francis Wattis, Imperial Commissioner for the West Indies, has arrived to submit plans for the development of the sugar industry in Jamaica.

In an interview, he stated that the industry was booming in the sister islands. The system of indentured labour should be abolished. Coolie labour should still be employed in the sugar industry, but it should be free labour. A goodly number of time-expired immigrants had settled in different colonies and were earning a good living on the sugar estates.

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### PEACE OFFERS.

Denials by German Papers.

London, April 6.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Cologne Gazettes and other German papers are now denying that the Central Powers are about to make a fresh peace offer. They state that the rumours in connection therewith, which are based on Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's speech and on Count Czernin's interview, are regrettable.

### THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

Heavy Losses Inflicted.

London, April 6.

A Russian official message says:—In the fighting on the left of the Stockhol on April 3, which ended in our crossing the right bank, the troops defending the bridgehead lost severely. Only a few score men out of two regiments reached the right bank. Both commanders were killed. A third regiment lost half of its effective. Only some hundreds of two other regiments survived.

Alleged Huge German Captures.

London, April 6.

A German wireless official message says:—During the capture of the bridgehead at Toboly, in the fighting on the Stockhol, we captured 130 officers, 9,500 men, fifteen guns, 250 machine guns and the Vardar Valley.

### Short-lived German Success.

London, April 6.

A Russian wireless official message says:—After heavy artillery firing, including chemical shells, the Germans occupied a portion of trenches to the east of Platkaner, south of the Riga, but were driven out.

Ten Russian aeroplanes bombed railway buildings.

French aeroplanes in the Dobradis twice bombarded the battery north of Bratislava.

Our aeroplanes successfully bombed fortifications on the Bosphorus.

### THE MESOPOTAMIAN ADVANCE.

Russians and British Join Hands.

London, April 6.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Russians have joined hands with the British at Kyzilabat.

### The Point of Contact.

London, April 6.

A Mesopotamian official message states that the Russian and British detachments established touch on April 2 on the left bank of the Dicle River. The Turks are reported to be retreating in the direction of Kufri.

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### AMERICA'S WAR DECISION.

Additional Revenue.

London, April 6.

A telegram from New York says it is expected that an additional revenue of 1,000 millions sterling for the United States and the Allies will be raised before the end of the year.

A Plain Hint.

London, April 6.

"Vorwärts," referring to America's entry into the war, says: In order to enable Germany to fulfil the heavy task of emerging from the war unbroken, German statesmen must plainly prove that Germany is neither autocratically governed nor warring for conquest.

### More Enemy Plotting.

New York, April 6.

Two Mexicans have been arrested at Brooklyn as spies. German agents are working in the southern States stirring up the negroes on the plantations.

### How the Allies Will Benefit.

London, April 6.

In the course of the debate on the war resolution, which has opened in the House of Representatives, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee declared that it was not established that a paragraph in Herr Zehmeyman's note offered to establish submarine bases in Mexican ports to supply Mexico with arms and ammunition, send German reserves to Mexico and arrange an attack all along the border.

Great orders were recently placed in the United States for supplies.

Great Britain.

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### KAISER REPORTED FATALLY ILL.

London, April 6.

The Washington correspondent of the "Morning Post" reports that American financiers with German connections are responsible for the report that the Kaiser is fatally ill of Bright's disease.

### WORLD'S FOOD SHORTAGE.

Worse Than Expected.

London, April 6.

The American representative of the Institute of Agriculture states that the world's food situation is worse than was expected in October. America must help to relieve the Allies. He has urged President Wilson to mobilise agriculture.

### Swiss Measures.

Berne, April 6.

Bread tickets are to be issued in Switzerland on May 1st.

### Argentine's Surplus.

Buenos Aires, April 6.

The officials here expect that one hundred thousand tons of corn will be available for export after the needs of the country have been satisfied.

### Starving Swedish Seamen.

Copenhagen, April 6.

As a result of the German submarine warfare, seamen have been discharged wholesale in Swedish ports. Many are starving. Numbers have been sent to work in the Control of British Bread-stuffs.

### London, April 6.

The Food Controller has proposed in the Cabinet that the price of wheat be immediately fixed at a substantially lower price than at present and that the price of bread be fixed on the basis of the new price of wheat. He also proposed that the Government should entirely control all bread-stuffs in the country.

### General Lyautey's Appointment.

Paris, April 6.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1917.

### HELP FROM CHINA.

Notwithstanding the fact that China, for reasons which are obvious, is unable to place trained and fully equipped men in the field of battle, she has shown, since the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, that she is ready and anxious to assist the Allies to the best of her power in other directions. Soldiers she cannot well supply, but coolies she can, and it is in this connection that she has given very tangible and surprisingly prompt evidence of her willingness to throw what weight she can into the Allied scale. It is not many weeks since China gave Germany the cold shoulder, but already we are informed of the steps which the Peking Government has taken for the systematic recruiting of Chinese labour for war work in Europe. The Government, it appears, has sent a circular telegram to the Provincial authorities instructing them to recruit coolies on the basis of 10,000 workers from every Province. That is a very wise and helpful step, and we are sure that the action of the Central Government in this regard will be widely appreciated by all who have the cause of the Allies at heart. It is a token of China's goodwill and of her readiness to do her little bit in helping towards the ultimate defeat of the common enemy of mankind.

The recruiting of Chinese labour for work behind the fighting lines in Europe has been proceeding for some very considerable time now, but we believe this is the first occasion on which the Chinese Government has officially identified itself with the movement. It is not without its significance that the Provincial authorities have been ordered, not merely to encourage recruiting in a general way, but have been informed that they are expected to provide a specified number of workers. This shows that the scheme has been well planned, and, if carried out in its entirety, it will fit in admirably with the methodical manner in which the Allies are co-operating in all aspects of the struggle. It is also satisfactory to realise that the matter is not being left to private enterprise, but that the scheme is being worked under Government control. At the present moment, when the Allies are being faced with a possible shortage of labour, and when, in consequence of the continuation of the "push" in the West, every possible worker is needed, the offer of China's assistance is all the more encouraging and valuable. While it is true that by far the greater number of Chinese labourers who are going to Europe will be drawn from the coolie class, and will not be skilled workers fit for employment in technical trades, it must not be overlooked that there are numerous respects in which their services will be of the utmost value. It is a vital necessity, for example, that railway lines and roads which have suffered terribly from shell fire should be rapidly repaired, and that new means of communication should be made available. It is only thus that the Allies can bring up their heavy artillery and push home the advantages gained by their steady advances. It is here that, under European supervisors who understand the curious characteristics of the Chinese coolie, China's assistance will be found to be of immense worth.

The scheme of recruitment now initiated by the Chinese Government has in it great promise, and should result in a very valuable contribution to the Allied labour ranks. But, aside from its practical aspect, it is pleasing to think that, instead of harping indefinitely on what she is going to do, China has, with a most commendable frankness, shown her sympathy with the Allies in a tangible form by making arrangements whereby she can assist in the great undertaking in a manner for which she is peculiarly adapted. For China's labour resources are second to none in the world. The labour problem has been an acute one for the Allies. It has given promise of becoming more acute as the war goes on. But a steady and well-organized supply of coolies from China should do much to alleviate the problem.

### To The Point.

All of our readers who have the Colony's interests really at heart will feel that they are indebted to Mr. Holyoak for his readiness to question the Government on matters affecting (a), the accepted procedure in Council, and (b), the Germans, and their one-time property in Hong Kong. There is no need to dwell on the crying scandal of a system whereby seven officials can, at will, outvote the Colony's unpaid representatives on any and every subject. Every one knows that our Legislative Council is the most utter farce, and that there might as well be no Unofficial Members at all—save insofar as membership gives these gentlemen an opportunity of letting the Government know when its actions are opposed to the general will of the taxpayers. At Thursday's meeting, the Chamber of Commerce representative gave notice that he would propose a resolution, excluding all Hans from this Colony for a period of at least ten years following the declaration of peace, etc. We can guess beforehand how this will be received. We know that Hongkong is governed from Downing Street, per mail and wire. But the proposing of such a motion is a very straight hint to the Secretary of State that the men who pay the piper in this Colony have every intention, sooner or later, of saying what the tune shall be. The plucky and prolonged efforts which have been made by Mr. Holyoak, by the late Mr. Hewitt and by Mr. Pollock, are bound to tell, in the long run; and such men can rest assured that they enjoy the full confidence, esteem and support of the general public, and that, in the end, they are bound to score the victory for which they have been struggling. Nowadays people everywhere are a little tired of the eternal officialdom, and there is nothing over-sanguine in prophesying that even out-of-date Hongkong is within measurable distance of self-government.

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.5/10d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the 42nd birthday of His Majesty the King of the Belgians.

M.C.L. Entertainment. The Victoria Branch of the Ministering Children's League is giving a children's entertainment at St. Peter's Girls' College, Caine Road, on Tuesday afternoon next, at 4.45 p.m. The charge for admission will be 50 cents.

Church Picnic. In connection with St. Peter's Church, there will be a picnic on Easter Monday, to Fanning, by the train leaving Kowloon at 1.38 p.m. Earlier in the week the picnic was cancelled, but ticket-holders are now asked to note that the picnic will be held according to all former arrangements.

Bishop Lander's Return. The Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. W. T. Featherstone returned to the Colony on Friday evening. They have visited Haiphong, Pakhoi, Liemchow, Shek Hong, Noli, Linshan, Namhsong, Nan Ning, Wuchow and Canton. The Bishop held confirmations at all the Church Missionary Society Stations.

For War Fund. We are asked to announce that the drawing room tea and sale of work in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, arranged to take place on April 11, from 3 to 6 p.m., at No. 3 University Path, will be held at the residence of Sir Charles Eliot instead. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Band of the 74th Fusiliers will attend.

Auction of Theatre Seats.

Attention is drawn to the fact that Mr. H. P. White is on Tuesday, at 12.30 p.m., conducting another auction sale of seats for the Shakespearean selections to be given at the Theatre Royal on St. George's Night. The sale is confined to Englishmen, and it is stated that the general auctioneer has decided, for once, to forego all commission to which he might be entitled!

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—W. G. Humphreys & Co., \$55; Hon. Sir O. P. Chater, C. M. G., \$50; Douglas S. S. Co., \$50; Lane Crawford & Co., \$50; Shawan Tones & Co., \$50; Peninsular and Oriental S. Co., \$50; Carmichael and Clark, \$50; Gibb Livingstone & Co., \$50; Bradley & Co., \$50.

A Violinist for the Victoria Theatre.

For four nights, beginning from to-morrow, Mr. Cor de Bly, a violinist who comes to the Colony with most excellent credentials, will perform at the Victoria Theatre. Mr. de Bly has played before very large audiences in the United States, the Dutch Indies and many other parts of the world, and has recently completed a most successful two years' tour of Australia. The press notices describe him as a musician of a distinctly high order, and we shall look forward to hearing something good.

Hillside Fire.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with setting fire to grass and destroying trees. One defendant said the grass caught fire by accident. The other said that he saw the grass was on fire and he assisted in putting it out. An assistant forester said that he saw the first defendant set fire to the grass and then walk away, without attempting to put it out.

Mr. Trotter, Superintendent of the Forestry Department, said that to extinguish this fire the cost had been about \$10 for coolie hire. If it had not been put out there and then, serious damage would have been done.

The first defendant was fined \$25, or a month's imprisonment, and the second was discharged.

Defendant.

The booking plan for the extra

### DAY BY DAY.

### GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC.

"Elijah" Selections at the Cathedral.

For years past Good Friday evening has been marked by a special musical effort in St. John's Cathedral, but it is safe to say that of all the sacred programmes given, that provided last night was the most ambitious of any. Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" demands much from a choir and also from soloists, and the selections given last night reflect the highest credit on those concerned for the training of the chorus, and also was a tribute to the soloists, who gave of their best.

Mr. Denman Fuller, the popular organist of the Cathedral, had got together a large and enthusiastic chorus, a fact that ensured the success of the effort. The programme was due to commence at 9.15, but long before nine o'clock the majority of the seats were filled, and there were plenty of late comers who could not be given accommodation. Although expressions of appreciation could not be given, it was patent that the whole of the programme gave the greatest of pleasure.

The selections from the famous oratorio were numerous, and included individual items, duets, trios, quartets and choruses. So varied was the list that it would be burdensome to mention each item, but it can honestly be said that all the performers acquitted themselves with the utmost credit.

Mention should be made of Mr. A. J. England, Mr. O. Edgecombe, Miss Scott, Miss L. White, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Galloway and Mr. Goldsmith, who were the principal soloists. Mr. England as Elijah being in very fine voice.

Following the selections from the oratorio, the chorus rendered one of the very expressive choruses from Elgar's "Banner of St. George", a treat that all enjoyed.

Mr. Denman Fuller at the organ was in a large measure responsible for the success of the evening, and praise should rightly be bestowed on Mr. J. W. White, who conducted the chorus.

The following comprised the soloists:—Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Comart, Miss Creese, Mrs. Cooper-Hunt, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Edkins, Mrs. Edmonds, Miss Griffin, Mrs. Galloway, Miss Goodall, Miss Goggins, Mrs. W. M. Humphreys, Miss Hickie, Miss Jack, Mrs. Jonckheer, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Johnstone, Miss A. Lillie, Miss H. Lillie, Mrs. Lander, Miss Dione May, Mrs. McCabbie, Miss McCubbin, Miss Dorothy May, Miss B. Moy Fung, Miss L. Neave, Mrs. Ogilvie, Mrs. Owen, Miss A. Petersen, Miss Packham, Miss A. Robson, Miss Richards, Miss J. Rodger, Mrs. Stringer, Miss Stone, Miss Stanley, Mrs. Stark, Miss Scott, Miss Bell, Mrs. A. E. Wright, Mrs. Warden, Miss Witchell, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Cousins, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Goodall, Mr. Hickling, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lake, Miss P. May, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Stabbing, Mrs. Soeters, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Williams, Masters A. Martin, Frost, Thornhill, Barr, H. S. Martin, Dene, W. Hyde, Jack, Whinfeld, Brown, Howell, Meers, G. Davis, O. E. Edgecombe, J. Freeman, D. W. Goodall, S. H. H. Hearne, H. Hayward, G. Holloway, T. Hill, E. Jones, F. C. Millington, G. H. Platt, M. L. Railton, V. Stannard, J. Schepel, the Hon. G. Severe, J. W. White, A. W. Armstrong, F. A. Biden, C. B. Bird, A. E. Bullock, W. E. Crocker, C. R. Crispin, W. W. Dell, W. J. Dexter, A. E. W. Dawson, W. H. Edmonds, A. J. England, J. W. Frost, A. H. Greenfield, G. H. Haskett, W. Lowe, G. H. Piercy, S. Paul, R. v. N. C. Pope, A. Parrot, H. L. Stringer, H. Sykes, H. Smith, and A. E. Wright. Engr. Comdr. Reed, R.N.

During the singing of the hymn "Rock of Ages," a collection was taken in aid of the joint funds of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, and the British Prisoners of War Fund, quite a large sum being realized.

Default Concert.

The booking plan for the extra Default concert, to give on Monday night, will be open at the Hongkong Hotel on Monday from noon to 6 p.m.

### 1892.

### HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending April 7, 1892.)

### The Dollar.

April 7.—The rate of the dollar on Demand to-day is 2/9.

The Absconding Compradore.

April 1.—It may interest some of our readers to know that Mr. Le Hok-pang, the compradore of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who is at present absent from this colony on unlimited leave, was thoroughly enjoying himself with his friends in Canton last Sunday.

### Freight Rates.

April 2.—Rates of freight between Bangkok and Hongkong have improved, 2½ cents being the quotation for vessels loading inside Bangkok bar, while 1½ cents are accepted for those that fill up at Kohisichang and Ara Hung, the outside roadsteads.

"Put Not Your Trust in—Paper."

April 2.—A correspondent informs us that yesterday, being pay-day with certain Government Departments, it was remarked that one very prominent and prudent official refused to take paper money. Hard silver, every dollar of it, he demanded and obtained. "Put not your trust in—paper!"

That Retrenchment Committee.

April 5.—H. E. the Governor and the Hon. Mr. T. H. Whithead are hereby respectfully reminded that, towards the close of last year, a proposal was made in the Council for the appointment of a retrenchment committee, to examine closely into every detail of Hongkong expenditure and report without fear or favour.

Why Moody and Sankey Squabbled.

April 5.—The tiff between Moody and Sankey, which caused some stir in holy circles, arose because Sankey took what is called a royalty on American organs, popularised by his playing. Another case of Mammon coming out ahead!

### Schools Closed.

April 6.—All the schools in the Colony have closed their doors. They are not bankrupt, nor have any of their "leading men" skipped the Colony; they are not Directors of huge concerns, neither do they hold powers of attorney for deadheads. No; none of these horrors is the cause of the shutters' being up. It is a far simpler and more easily rectified affair: simply an epidemic of mumps. That's all.

### Gap Rock Light.

April 6.—Almost all the masters of vessels entering the port from the South speak very highly of the utility and qualities of the Gap Rock lamp, which flashed its 22 miles arc of light over the wild sea waves at 6.20 p.m. on Friday last, for the first time. But one and all will say: "Why on earth didn't they put a light there thirty years ago?"

### Dr. Castile.

April 7.—Went from a Home medical journal that the appointment of Dr. James Castile, of Hongkong, to be an Honorary Associate of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, has received the Queen's approval.

Dr. Castile has done a lot of excellent work in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association, both here and elsewhere, and richly merits the honour that has been conferred on him.

### A Word to the P.W.D.

April 7.—Who is responsible for the disgraceful condition of the roadway leading from the Piers to the Jewish cemetery in the Happy Valley? Perhaps our energetic Director of Public Works will take steps to remedy what is certainly a most objectionable nuisance.

### A Rude Surprise.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being in possession of a quantity of raw opium. Defendant stated that a coat was given to him and he did not know there was opium in the pockets on the shoulders. A fine of \$200 was imposed.

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In view of what is happening on the sea and in America, says the *Daily News*, peculiar interest attaches to the following taken from the Berliner *Tageblatt* of April 25 last year: "The majority of us would be happy if peaceful travellers, women and children, could be saved from death in the waves, and if the rights of neutrals could be assured against mistakes . . . We do not share the view that the amity of America would be for us a real gift from the gods." The *Tageblatt* blamed Raventlow, then in advo-  
cating an unrestricted submarine warfare. On whom will it put the blame now?

From some statistics just published in France we may gather indirect, but none the less valuable, evidence as to the real condition of Germany. The figures in question relate to the parcels sent from Germany to the prisoners at Rennes. In 1915 their number was from 1,000 to 1,200 per week; in 1

**HONGKONG WAR GIFTS.**

How £1,000 was Distributed.  
The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Committee sends us extracts from a letter with enclosures received from Mr. Murray Stewart, dealing with the disbursement of the last allocations made by the War Charities Committee. He says:—Every payment elicited very appreciative acknowledgement. The £1,000 of which the allocation was left to Messrs. Stewart and Atkinson was distributed as follows:—

Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital Fund	£200
Ladies Emergency Committee of the Navy League	100
Russian Prisoners of War Help Committee	100
Soldiers and Sailors Help Society	100
Indian Soldiers Fund Sub-Committee	100
County of London War Hospital	100
London Committee of French Red Cross	100
British and Foreign Sailors Society	100
Martouret Hospital (Foundation Althausen)	100

As concerns the principle of adoption of Prisoners of War by individuals, a periodical list of those who have earmarked their subscriptions for this purpose will be forwarded to our London representatives, with a note of any particular desire that may have been expressed. While the choice of a Prisoner of War to be assisted is no longer entirely open the Central Committee was established primarily to correct overlapping and omission and this method will aid towards establishing personal relation with some of our men in enemy countries.

Mr. Murray Stewart's letter is as follows:—Referring to my letter of the 27th ultimo, I have now to advise you that, in accordance with the terms of your telegram of the 15th January, the following sums have been disbursed on your behalf:—

£1,000 to Officers' Families Fund
1,000 to St. Dunstan's.
1,000 to Prisoners of War Fund
500 to Dreadnought Hospital
250 to Star & Garter Hospital
500 to Belgian Relief
1,000 to various War Charities.

Total £5,250

I enclose:—

(1) Copies of correspondence relating to the distribution of these funds.

(2) Statement of the account of the Hongkong War Charities Fund with the Hongkong Bank, London.

(3) Receipts for disbursements made from this account.

I have also forwarded by Parcels Post various pamphlets issued by the Committees administering the funds to which you have subscribed.

As regards the correspondence, you will note that the Prisoners of War Committee are 'adopting' as many prisoners of war as your contribution provides parcels for during the next six months, the prisoners being advised that these parcels come from you: this will, I hope, be satisfactory.

I hope also that the arrangement made with Sir Arthur Pearson to add the amount now contributed to your previous contribution to the After-Care Fund, with a corresponding alteration on the Tableau in the National Institution for the Blind, will meet with your approval.

In the case of the Officers' Families Fund, I decided after making enquiries and considering the matter that it was impossible to ask for any special application of the sum contributed. The needs for which the Fund is designed to provide are urgent private needs and I thought it best to leave the Committee to dispose of your donations at their discretion.

The last letter from the Dreadnought Hospital will show you that the method proposed by their Secretary for recognising your gift has not actually been passed by the Committee, but I anticipate a further letter before very long informing me that they have agreed to the proposed Tableau to be erected at the head of a bed to be named after the Colony.

As regards the Hongkong room in the new Star & Garter Hospital, of the Colony's munificence.

**ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.**

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralphs state:

Y.M.C.A. Division.  
Tuesday, 10th April.—8 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon S. F. Lee, 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

Thursday, 12th April.—8 p.m. Bandage Practice; Lee, Col. Wei Kan will take charge, 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

Saiyingsun Division.  
Wednesday, 11th April, 2.30 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Queen's College Division.  
Tuesday, 10th April.—4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Friday, 13th April.—4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Dress:—as above.

Victoria Division.  
Tuesday, 10th April.—5.15 p.m. Stretcher Drill. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

Friday, 13th April.—5.15 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon Cheah.

Appointments.

Subject to confirmation by General J. C. Dalton, Chief Commissioner, Lim Cheong Eung, M.B.B.S., is appointed Assistant Divisional Surgeon, and attached to the Victoria Division.

Corporal Kong Ki Fai is appointed Divisional Secretary, Queen's College Division.

Recruits.

Attention is drawn to the rule that in future all candidates for admission to the Brigade must obtain a medical certificate from the Surgeon of the Division they desire to join. This certificate is to be forwarded by the Divisional Surgeon to Dr. Kooh, District Surgeon. Officers in Charge of Divisions will, on receiving such certificates, make careful inquiry into the character and general fitness of the candidates before recommending them for admission.

You will see that the Secretary asks me to let her have the wording of an inscription to be placed inside the room, and it occurs to me that probably you might prefer to suggest a suitable inscription, which I shall be glad to pass on to her on hearing from you. I take it that this inscription should mention the endowment provided by your previous remittance of £2,000.

As regards the funds for Belgian Relief, there are, as you probably know, a number of Committees functioning. In view of the fact that one of these was presided over by Lady Lugard, I sent a £100 to it, believing that it would be approved on account of her associations with the Colony. The rest I sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund, having satisfied myself that this was the best channel through which to ensure efficient distribution.

The disposal of the remaining £1,000 was not quite so easy, but I had the advantage of consulting Dr. Atkinson before deciding. I hope you will think that we did right in sending £200 to the Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital.

It is a war Hospital, housed in a building which was formerly the Royal Palace Hotel;

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For the rest, I do not think there is anything calling for comment. I have only to add that it has been a great pleasure to me to act in this matter as the medium

**SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.****Money a Little Easter.**

Messrs. A. L. Anderson and Co. in their weekly share circular (Shanghai, March 31) say:—Money has ruled somewhat easier during the past week, with a slight improvement in the volume of business as a consequence, but this has been chiefly among the Rubbers: there is no interest taken in Cottons, although the mills are doing much better than last year, and General Investments are tightly held against a small demand. The Debenture market has been neglected, but the new Municipal Loan is attracting some applications, and a number of these are, as we expected, from Chinese investors. Te-Jay's opening rate for T/T on London was 3/4%; the Dollar's rate being 7/3.

Company Meetings, etc.—Yangtze Insurance has called its meeting for 13th prox, when the Directors will propose the payment of a final dividend of \$15 (making \$21), a transfer to Investment and Exchange Reserve of \$250,000, and that \$651,07 be carried forward. It should be noted that the re-valuation of the Company's sterling securities at 3/5.13/16 instead of 2/3.5/16 has absorbed nearly 2½ lakhs of dollars of the year's profits which otherwise would have been available for distribution. An interim dividend of \$3 on account 1916 working is announced.

Longkata:—At the recent meeting the shareholders voted themselves a dividend of Tls. 1 per share, decided to limit oil-boring activities, and elected a Committee to investigate the Company's investments. Sumatra: The meeting held on 30th decided not to declare a dividend. Hall and Holtz: The profit for the year is shown as £157,409, out of which a dividend of 10 per cent. is recommended, £15,000 to be transferred to Property, and £13,620 to General Reserve, £7,619 written off for Depreciation, £20,000 placed to Equivalisation of Dividend Fund, and after allowing £2,000 for Doubtful Debts, a sum of £46,493 is carried forward. The meeting is to be held on 18th prox. Ziangbo: The Annual Meeting will be held on 18th prox, when a final of 25 will be proposed. Tls. 30,000 voted to the vendors of the Company in lieu of an allotment of unissued shares at par, and Tls. 7,500 as bonus to staff, leaving Tls. 2,678 to be carried forward.

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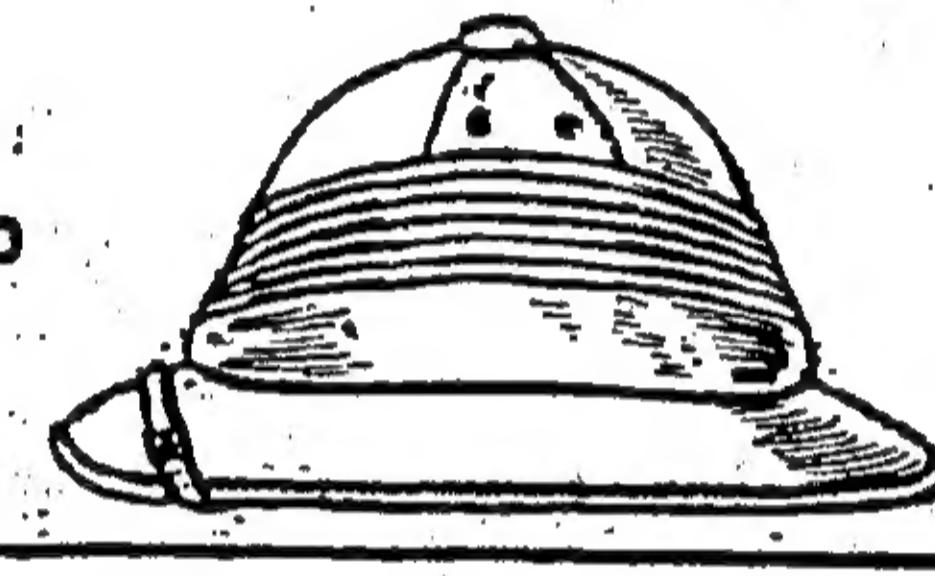
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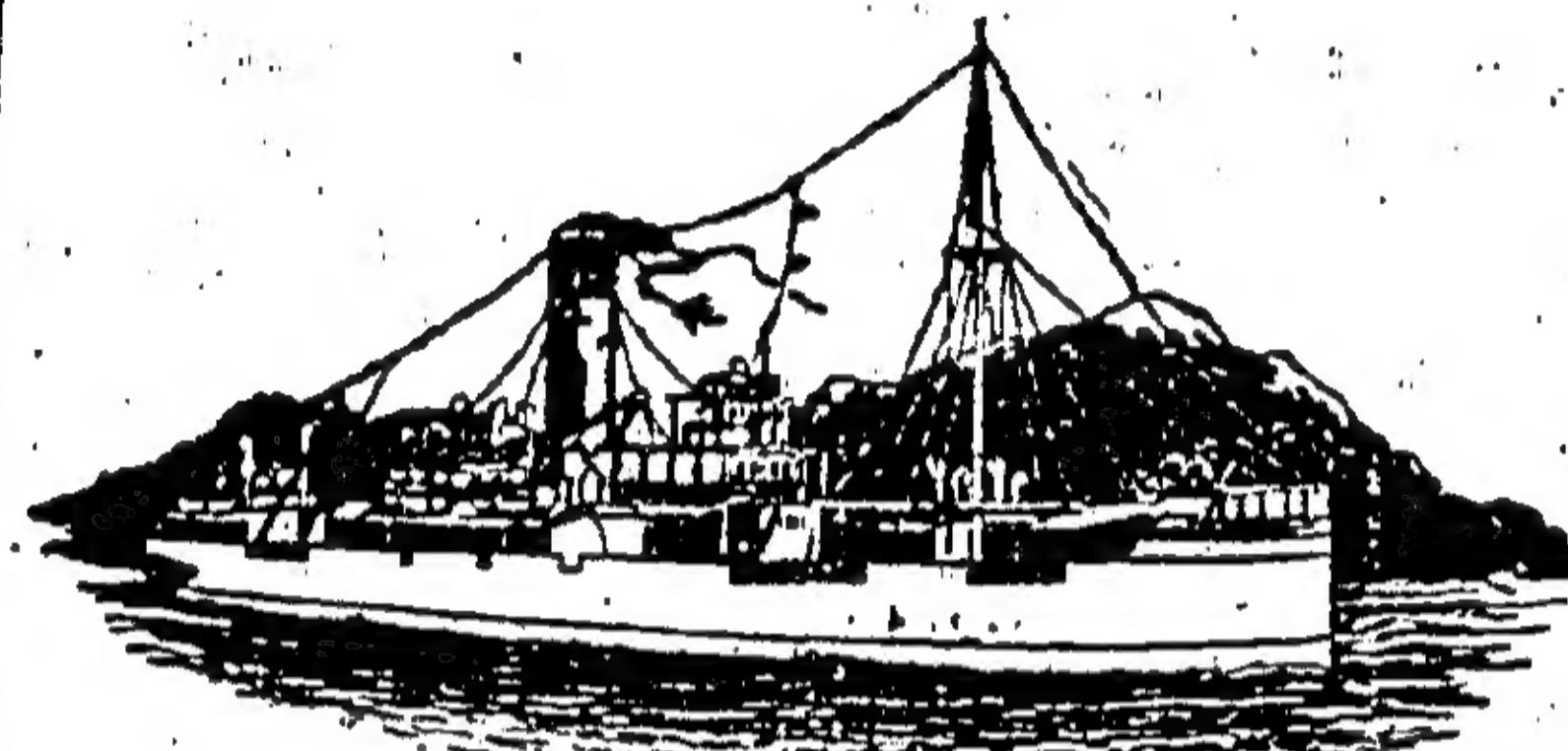
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Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	7 Apr.	1917
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Shipshing	J. M. Co.	11 Apr.	1917
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## KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

## TELEGRAMS.

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(Editor's Service to the "Telegraph.")

## THE ADVANCE IN THE WEST.

St. Quentin Encircled.

London, April 5.  
The progress reported in last night's French communiqué is part of a great French encircling movement south of St. Quentin, the fate of which is already sealed. The situation is dramatic, as the British to the north are only two miles from the town and the French to the south 24 miles distant. It is expected that the honour of the capture will fall to the French, who, at May, are on the Hindenburg line. The suddenness of the British advance dismally surprised the enemy whose over-confidence in employing artillery forced him to abandon six guns. His attempt to recover them led to a most dramatic close-quarter fight with bombs, bayonets and clubbed rifles, in which the British steadily drove back the Prussians through Savy Wood.

Bombardment of Rheims.

Paris, April 5.  
The Germans are furiously bombarding Rheims. The Mayor has requested many of the inhabitants to leave.

More British Captures.

London, April 5.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states: We have captured the villages of Honnay and Basle-Boulogne after sharp fighting. The enemy in retreating became entangled in their own wire and suffered heavily. We continue to progress, in spite of resistance north-east and east of Metz en Contre. We reached the western and south-western edges of Gouzeaucourt and Havrincourt woods, where we took sixty prisoners, two trench mortars and five machine guns.

Enemy Strongly Entrenched.

Later.  
A French communiqué states: The enemy has not attempted any further action from the Somme to the Oise on the new front which we conquered yesterday. Our reconnaisances were pushed forward during the night north of Gouy and north of May as far as the enemy lines which were found to be strongly held. There has been intermittent fire east and west of the Somme. Our gunfire last night stopped dead a German counter-attack which was being prepared to debouch on the Laffaux-Margival front, where the artillery duel continues. The Germans unsuccessfully attacked between Sapigny and Godet farm. Some enemy detachments advanced and took a portion of trench but were immediately driven out.

Enemy Admits Retirement.

London, April 5.  
A wireless German official report states: The English strongly attacked to the north of the Feronne-Cambrai road. We inflicted heavy losses before retiring. The French occupied our evacuated positions south-west of St. Quentin. Our batteries exploded a munitions depot near Vendresse. The explosion was heard and felt forty kilometres behind our front. We inflicted a defeat to the north of Rheims and took over eight hundred prisoners.

We have captured French trenches to the west of Morastir.

SHIPPING CONTROL.

London, April 5.  
In the House of Commons, Sir Clowes Money said the Shipping Controller was endeavouring to map out the world trade of Great Britain in order to provide that the best use was made of the tonnage available.

Traders could help by keeping the Department in touch with the needs of particular interests.

The Controller was endeavouring also to survey the whole field of imports in relation to the tonnage estimated to be available during the remainder of the year, and, as it were, form a balance sheet. The idea was to arrange a priority of imports. Every effort would be made to make the inevitable distribution as light as possible.

The Controller had hitherto requisitioned 1,000 vessels, including 800 cargo steamers trading in well-established lines of communication. The Department was "combing out" vessels from the distant parts of the world and employing them on shorter voyages nearer home, so that the largest available amounts of imports for the civilian population would be secured. The Dominions had loyally accepted the position, despite the loss to them.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Editor's Service to the "Telegraph.")

## THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

A Local Reverse.

London, April 5.  
The reverse admitted by the Russians in Volhynia was of a purely local character. It does not seem to be the prelude of a big German offensive as the country is very marshy and woody and is suffering from the thaw.

Position Recaptured.

London, April 5.  
A wireless Russian official message states: The enemy attacked us in the Zolotoch region, making six assaults in the neighbourhood of Tchepeli village. We eventually dislodged the enemy, completely restoring the position.

We have occupied Khanikin and Kastrikidin. A battle is proceeding with the Turkish regiments, who are making an effort to hold the Dialu river crossing.

A Cossack detachment has left Khanin for Kyryshbat for the purpose of joining the British.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, April 5.  
The House of Commons has adjourned until April 17th.

## FRIGHTFULNESS.

Relief Ship Torpedoed.

Ymuiden, April 5.  
A German submarine torpedoed without warning yesterday, twelve miles off Scheveningen, the Belgian relief steamer Trever, bound from New York to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain. Twenty-four of the crew were brought to Ymuiden, eight of them wounded, owing to the submarine shelling the boats.

Sir Hospital Ships Sunk.

London, April 5.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Macmillan stated that up to the present the enemy had sunk or torpedoed six hospital ships, 347 people being killed and 73 injured thereby.

"Alnwick Castle" Survivors.

Madrid, April 5.  
Twenty survivors of the Alnwick Castle have arrived at Carino and describe their terrible sufferings from cold, hunger and thirst. They were in an open boat for ten days. The voyage began with thirty persons, including a Frenchwoman with a four months' old baby and an English nurse. Rations of water and two biscuits apiece were served daily, but latterly the water ran short and rainwater was collected. An Englishman died on the 21st, an Englishman went mad and died on the 22nd, a passenger, a stoker and a seaman succumbed on the 23rd, a steward died on the 24th, a cabin boy on the 25th and the same day a seaman jumped overboard whom it was impossible to rescue owing to the rough sea. An officer and a steward died while landing at Carino. The survivors declare that if they had been another day at sea they would all have been dead. The mother, baby and nurse have all survived, thanks to the constant kindness of the other survivors who are all Britishers.

Expert Comment.

London, April 5.  
Commenting on the returns of submarine the "Times" naval correspondent remarks that some feature of it indicate that the German "blockade" has its limits. The volume of trade passing through the danger zone shows no great difference since the increase of submarine in the middle of March. Thus, it may be assumed, that neutral traffic being resumed, the losses from submarines and mines do not show any decided tendency to increase and they are apparently much below the total which the enemy confidently anticipated and which von Bothmann Hollweg claimed. Meanwhile, the number of armed ships which escape or beat off attack is growing. It may reasonably be expected therefore that the fortitude of our merchant seamen and the energy of the Navy will shortly reap their reward. The tables of the Allies do not show any sign that their mercantile marine is suffering very heavily either from interference of traffic or undue percentage of loss.

## THE BANK RATE.

The Bank of England Discount Rate is now five per cent.

## THE DUFALUT CONCERTS.

A Great Success on Thursday.

It was extremely gratifying to find the Theatre Royal so well filled on Thursday night for the second of the Dufault concerts. Downstairs practically all the accommodation was occupied, while in the circle there were very few vacant seats. The programme submitted was rich in quality, and its variety was such as to appeal to all tastes. How delighted the audience was with the fire provided may be gathered from the fact that, almost without exception, every item was encored. The whole concert was a wonderfully satisfying musical treat, and the unrestrained outbursts of applause which punctuated the efforts of each of the trio of artists provided eloquent testimony to the deep enjoyment felt by all present. Several of the numbers were cheered to the echo. Seldom, in fact, have we seen a Hongkong audience so intensely enthusiastic. And the enthusiasm shown was only what the merits of the performers thoroughly deserved. It was an evening of beautiful, soul-satisfying music—one which will long live in the memories of all who gathered within the building.

There were many present who had heard the great tenor on his first appearance in Hongkong, and these were more than ever convinced of his remarkable talents. Those who went in great expectations, from what they had heard and read of M. Dufault, were more than satisfied with his silvery voice and his essentially artistic treatment of all the themes which he so brilliantly interpreted. It was in the more ambitious operatic work that M. Dufault made his greatest hits—for it is in this realm that the full scope of his talents is made most apparent—but in his handling of ballads also he rose to great heights. It is his wonderful versatility, in fact, that stamps the French-Canadian tenor as a truly great vocalist. Whether he be singing grand opera or melodious little ditties, he always enters thoroughly into the spirit of the number and brings out its charms to the fullest limits. His first item was the Prayer from Massenet's "Le Sid," and his treatment of it was most inspiring. It was a magnificent effort, sung with great depth of feeling and understanding; and a recall was inevitable. A blithe and happy note was struck in Sinding's charming song, "Sylvain," in which all the wonderful freshness of M. Dufault's voice came into prominence; while in a typically modern ballad by the American composer Speake, entitled "Morning," the tenor made an equally charming impression. Of a totally different order, "La Pliure au Reve" (by Hine) was very soulfully sung. In his last group of songs, M. Dufault gave further evidence of his great range of powers. Puccini's "Blous d'Amour" was sung in extremely fine taste, while it is to be doubted if anyone present had ever heard such a wonderful interpretation of the old favourite "The Trampeter," as that of M. Dufault. At the conclusion of this song, the audience gave full vent to its feelings of appreciation in a roar of applause, and, as a concluding encore, M. Dufault sang with great dramatic fervour a verse from the Marseillaise. Those who heard that effort will not readily forget it.

The very fine impression formed of Miss Pauline Bindley at the first concert of the season was more than confirmed by her beautiful singing on Thursday. Her marvellously clear and flexible voice, her perfect enunciation and her very happy and artistic style gave unbounded pleasure to all. The aria, "One Fine Day," from "Madame Butterfly," revealed her great dramatic powers, which were also most impressively reflected in the duet from "Carmen," in association with M. Dufault. All the tuneful beauty of Haydn's "My Mother bids me Bind my Hair" was splendidly brought out in Miss Bindley's second group of songs, while "Poor Wandering One," from "The Pirates of Penzance," was one of her most magnificent contributions.

The whole concert was an immense success from start to finish—one of those occasions of which Hongkong experiences far too few. And lovers of the best in music will have cause for much regret if they do not avail themselves of the opportunities provided by the two remaining Dufault concerts.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

## CHINESE WOMEN AND THE UNIVERSITY.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph")

Sir,—Referring to the letters signed "Cantonese" and "Experiencia Docet" appearing in your issue of the 2nd and 4th inst., respectively, I quite agree with the remarks made by "Cantonese," as his view, I believe, refers solely to the Hongkong Chinese women and to the Hongkong University. On the other hand, "Experiencia Docet" will doubtless be aware that women students are not admitted to the Hongkong University. It may be distinctly understood from the fact of their exclusion that a great majority of Hongkong Chinese, both men and women, are quite in agreement upon this point, as suggested by "Cantonese". If not, why has no provision been made for the admission of women students, in spite of the fact that so many representative Chinese gentlemen have a voice in their admission or exclusion?

Yours &amp;c.,

ARBITRA.

Hongkong, April 6, 1917.

## LAWN TENNIS.

Noteworthy Chinese Success.

One of the finest doubles tennis matches seen for a long time in Hongkong, took place yesterday afternoon on the cricket ground in connection with the Championship Doubles of the Cricket Club's tennis tournaments, when Messrs. R. and H. Hancock were opposed to Messrs. Ng See Kwong and Wong Po Keung. A good crowd had gathered in anticipation of watching a close game, but expectations were more than realized, a match of outstanding merit being the result. The first set was a criterion of the match as regards the closeness of play, this falling to the Chinese players by the narrow margin of 7/5. Hard and clever play characterised the match all through, and right up to the end it was an open question as to which pair would gain the verdict. The second and third sets fell to the Hancock's with scores 6/3, 6/4, and the fourth set saw matters pulled level again, the Chinese winning by 6/3. The deciding set was a treat to watch, and although it eventually went to Ng See Kwong and his partner by six games to four, there was not that difference of merit between the opponents. At the conclusion of the struggle, both winners and losers came in for a hearty expression of the crowd's appreciation.

Other results, since we published on Thursday, are:

Championship Singles:—M. K. Lo beat J. M. Soeters, 4/5, 6/3, 6/8, 6/4; H. A. Nisbet beat M. P. Le 9/7, 6/4, 6/3.

Championship Doubles:—H. A. Nisbet and S. H. Dodwell beat A. B. Raworth and Lieut. Murray, 8/0, 6/1, 8/1.

Men's Doubles:—O. U. Bitter and B. Bachan (rec. 3/8) beat J. Stalker and H. H. Taylor, (scratch) 8/8, 6/2, 9/7; Thorne and Kiu (receive 5/8) beat Mass and Manning (receive 5/6) 6/8, 6/4, 6/2; Maris and Thompson (receive 5/6) beat Wright and Robinson (receive 15) 6/1, 6/4.

Handicap Singles "A":—S. E. Green, (ows 30/3) beat R. B. Austin (receive 15/1) 7/5, 9/7.

Handicap Singles "B":—L. Winckler (receive 3/8) beat J. R. Wood (scratch) 6/4, 6/4; A. Morse, (receive 2/6) beat W. J. Morrison (ows 15) 6/0, 6/4; Pestonji (receive 15/3) beat Murray Bain (receive 15/4) 6/1, 6/4; Bidgway (receive 3/8) beat H. Pegg (ows 3/8) 6/3, 13/11.

Mixed Doubles Handicap:—Redmond and Mrs. Wimshaw (scratch) beat Hickling and Mrs. Brown (ows 3/8), 6/2, 6/3; G. Thorne and Mrs. F. J. B. Gilson (rec. 4/8) beat Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stark (rec. 3/8) 6/0, 6/3, 8/8.

JAPAN AND PEACE.

## Preparing for the End of the War.

During the few days following the democratic revolution in Russia, there have been rumours of similar disturbances in Germany, says a commercial writer in the *Japan Chronicle*. Such rumours are naturally magnified by interested parties in business circles, but apart from the accuracy of the report, it has apparently strengthened—coming as it does in the wake of the Russian revolution—the conviction of Japanese merchants that the war is fast approaching conclusion.

The revolution in Russia means the elimination of pro-German elements and will strengthen her determination to carry on the war, while the outcome of a similar disturbance in Germany, if it really occurred, will be just the reverse. In Japanese business circles the opinion is rife that these events will lead to a truce if not to the actual conclusion of peace, and that they are apparently fully prepared to face any eventualities.

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## SHARE REPORT.

Features of the Hongkong Market.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report dated April 5, state:—

Owing to the Easter holidays we are issuing our Report one day earlier than usual.

The market since our last report has remained fairly firm for most speculative stocks and classes with a demand for Indos, Sugars and Docks. For investment stocks there has been a good demand at improved rates, but there are few shares coming out, and rates show an upward tendency.

Shanghai market remains dull and there is very little enquiry. Shanghai Docks after having been done at Tls. 91 have receded to a selling quotation of Tls. 90 and Langkawi, after sales at Tls. 20 have dropped to Tls. 18.

The rubber-share market seems strong, with more enquiry for most of the good investment stocks. Plantation rubber comes through at 3/1.

Banks.—Hongkong & Shanghai Banks have further advanced, and sales have been made at various rates from \$685 to \$705, and the market closes with buyers at the latter rate.

Marine & Fire Insurances.—Unions have improved to a buying rate of \$910 after sales at this rate. Cautions are in demand at \$375, and Hongkong Fires at \$332. China Fires still have buyers at \$155.

Shipping.—Deferred Indos have remained steady round about \$127, sales having been made at this. Douglass after opening at \$94 buyers, dropped to \$87 buyers, ex the dividend of \$5 paid on the 4th instant. Steamboats have been placed at \$18, and at the close have buyers at this rate.

R-fines.—China Sugars have been placed at \$114, ex the dividend of \$11 paid on the 31st of March, and have buyers at \$114. Melbournes have improved to a buying quotation of \$31.

Oils and Mining.—Langkawi have declined to Tls. 18. Raubs are wanted at \$2.15 and Tronches have sellers at 27/6.

Docks and Wharves.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have remained steady at \$124 buyers, sales having been made at \$122. Kowloon Wharves have found buyers at \$81.

Lands, Hotels & Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have advanced a couple of points, and close with buyers offering \$96. Central Estates have suddenly come into demand again, and can be placed at \$94. Humphreys Estates have been the medium of a large business at \$6.25, and West Points are in demand at the improved rate of \$7.15 after sales at this.

Miscellaneous.—Cements have improved to \$8.55, sales having been made at various rates from \$8 upwards. Low Level Tramways after sales at \$7.35 close with sellers at this. China Providents have been placed at \$8. Watsons at \$6.75, and Union Waterboats at \$16.25. Dairy Farms are wanted at \$231, and Electric at \$491, after sales at \$50. Powells have buyers at \$6.

Forward Settlement Days.—27th April (Friday), and 30th May (Wednesday).

## The Food Committee.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Committee to fix from time to time the maximum price for which any article of food may be sold by retail in the Colony.

Tobacco and Liquor Permits. Notice is given that no permits can be issued for the shipment of dutiable liquors or tobacco as ship's stores, unless:—(1) The application for such permit is signed by the master or agent of the ship to which it is desired to supply such liquors or tobacco; or (2) The application is accompanied by a written order, from the master or agent of such ship. Ship's stores include, passengers' baggage and any other form of export not shown on the ship's manifest.

Acting Consular Appointment. His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. Jose G. da Obaldia as Acting Consul for Peru in Hongkong, pending the arrival of the new Consul.

## THE EPIC OF THE MERCHANT SERVICE.

"Story Sublime in Its Plain Simplicity."

The "Observer" says:—When we think of what the sea has meant to Britain and her breed throughout the world, we sometimes speak with no undue pride of the epic of our race. By day and night let us spare a thought or two for the simple fact that in all that epic with centuries

## SHARE REPORT.

## COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

1.—SELLING; 2.—SALES; 3.—BUYERS; 4.—NOMINAL.

Today's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Per Value Paid Up	1915.		1915.		1916/7.		1916/7.		Last Dividend and Date
				Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	to Date	to Date	to Date	to Date	
<b>Banks.</b>												
b. & ss. \$705	H.K. & Shai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$136 all	84	Sept.	78	May	820	680	{ Int. Div. of £2.3/- at ex. 2/1/- £20.54 Fint. & Bonus. £2.13/- at ex. 2/1/- £2.13/- making 14.65 for 1917. Paid 26/3/17.		
b.	Marine Insurance.											
b. 2375	Canton Ins. Office, Ld.	10,000	\$250 59	427	Sept.	340	Jan.	426	370	{ Final of 47 making £25.4/- 1914, and interim of £8 a/c 1915.		
n. t.150	North China Ins. Co., Ld.	10,000	£15 £5	180	April	145	Jan.	180	150	{ Final Div. of 15% making 27% for year ending 30/6/16.		
sa. #910	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ld.	12,400	\$250 100	972	Aug.	760	Jan.	1005	980	{ Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 making \$60.00 for 1914, and interim of \$30.00 for 1915.		
n. ex 734235	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ld...	12,000	\$100 60	280	Dec.	200	Jan.	300	235	{ Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1914 & Int. of \$6 for 1915.		
<b>Fire Insurances.</b>												
b. #155	China Fire Ins. Co., Ld...	30,000	\$100 20	163	Aug.	127	April	168	152	{ \$7 & \$3 bonus 1914		
b. #432	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ld...	8,000	\$250 50	420	Sept.	385	Jan.	420	325	{ \$27 for 1915. Paid 29/3/17		
<b>Shipping.</b>												
b. #86	Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	20,000	\$50 all	104	Dec.	28	Mar.	137	86	{ Int. Div. of \$5.00. Paid 4/4/17.		
b. & ss. #18	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ld.	80,000	\$15 all	23	May	19	Dec.	24	17	{ \$1.25 for year ending 31/12/16 Paid 13/2/17		
sa. #427	Indo-China [ Combined Steam Navigation Co., Ld... ] Deferred Preferred	60,000	£5 all	172	Dec.	62	Jan.	190	171	{ Int. Div. 3/- on Pref. & 10/- on Def. shares, for 1/4 year ending 30/6/16, at exch. 2/1/- paid 11/8/16.		
n. #4112	60,000 £5 all	117	Dec.	80	Dec.	142	110			{ Final of 5/- (Coupon 2/-) making in all 7/- for year 1915		
n. 103-	Shell T'port & T'ng Co., Ld.	3,797,510	£1 all	94/5	June	75	Jan.	112/6	86/6	{ \$1.65 Div. and 45 cents bonus for year ending 30.4.16		
b. #43	Star Ferry Company, Ld....	40,000	\$10 all	39	Oct.	23	July	41	33			
<b>Refineries.</b>												
n. x. d. #114	China S. Refining Co., Ld...	20,000	\$100 all	134	Sept.	80	Jan.	146	100	{ \$12 for 1916. Paid 31/3/17.		
b. #51	Malabon S. Refining Co., Ld.	14,000	P.80 all			41		29	2	{ \$5 for 1916. Paid 15/2/17.		
<b>Mining.</b>												
n. 36/-	Kailan Mining Admin'nt.	1,00,000	£1 all	35	April	30	Dec.	36/9	26/-	{ Final Div. of 1/- nett making in all 2/- a/c 30.6.16. (Coupon No. 8.)		
b. #215	Raub Australian Gold Min'g Co., Ld.....	200,000	£1 all	440	Mar.	240	Jan.	335	170	{ 1/2 for 1909		
n. 27/6	Tronoh Mines Ltd. ....	160,000	£1 all	25	Dec.	32/6	Mar.	42/6	27/-	{ 1/- interim making 3/- for a/c 1916 paid 26/10/16		
n. 28/-	Ural Caspian .....	795,666	£1 all	43	April	25	Jan.	38/9	26/-	{ Final of 4/- making 5/- for a/c year ending 12/11/15 paid July 1916		
b. 161	Docks Wharves, Godowns, &c. H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ld.	60,000	\$50 all	82	Oct.	65	April	90	71	{ Div. of \$4 & Bonus \$2 for 1916, Paid 24/2/17.		
b. #1214	H.K. & W. D. Co. Ld.....	63,000	\$50 all	90	Oct.	56	Mar.	135	78	{ Final Div. \$2/- Bonus \$4.60 making \$1.1 for year 31/12/16. Paid 27/3/17		
b. t. 50	H'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld...	56,700	t.100 all	63	Sept.	49	July	92	59	{ Tls. 2/- for year ending 30.4.16		
b. t. 78	H'hai & H'k'ew W. Co., Ld.	36,000	t.100 all	100	Dec.	80	April	93	73	{ Tls. 5 for 1916. Paid 12/3/17.		
<b>Lands, Hotels and Buildings.</b>												
n. #102	H'kong Hotel Co., Ld.....	20,000	\$50 all	124	Feb.	108	Dec.	118	102	{ \$3 for 14 year ending 31.12.16		
b. 195	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100 all	114	Jan.	103	Dec.	103	91	{ Paid 17/2/17.		
b. #625	H'phreys Estates & F. Co. Ld.	150,000	\$10 all	74	Jan.	6	July	710	625	{ Final Div. of \$3/- making \$7 for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/3/17.		
n. #33	K'loon Land & B'ng Co., Ld.	6,000	\$50 30	44	Jan.	40	Sept.	38	38	{ 50 cents for 1916. Paid 12/2/17.		
n. t. 80	Shanghai Lands.....	74,000	t.50 all	67	Mar.	107	Dec.	107	89	{ Final Div. of 6% making 12% for 1916. Paid 14/3/17.		
b. & ss. #75	West Point Building Co., Ld.	12,500	\$50 all	68	Mar.	77	Dec.	90	69	{ Final Div. of \$1.25 making \$1.25 for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/3/17.		
b. #495	H'kong Central Estates..... Cotton Mills.	10,000	\$100 all	103	Dec.	99	Jan.	103	93	{ \$7.00 for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/3/17.		
n. t. #1474	Two Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld.	20,000	t.50 all	160	July	117	Jan.	167	130	{ Tls. 0.90 for year ending 30.11.16		
n. t. 13	Fung Yik .....	16,000	t.50 all	164	July	118	Feb.	164	115	{ Tls. 1.50 for year ending 30.11.15		
b. t. 80	Yau Kung Mow.....	8,000	t.100 all	90	Sept.	72	Jan.	81	63	{ Tls. 12 for 1913		
b. t. 117	Shanghai Cottons.....	40,000	t.50 all	100	May.	77	Jan.	125	81	{ Dividend of Tls. 6 for year ending 30.6.16 paid 29/3/16		
b. t. 5	Yangtszeopos .....	175,000	t.5 all	62	Oct.	63	Dec.	64	43	{ 7% a/c Prof. for 14 Months ending Dec. 1915		
b. 48	China Borneo Company, Ld.	50,000	\$12 all	111	Apr.	94	May	1035	800	{ 72 cents for year ending 28.2.06		
b. #475	China Light Power Co. Ld. (Spec. shares) .....	50,000	\$15 all	365	Mar.	495	Oct.	490	430	{ 6% for year ending 31/12/16. Paid 29/3/17.		
b. 88	China Prov. L. & M. Co. Ld.	125,000	\$10 all	71	Jan.	1015	Oct.	810	70	{ 70 cts. for 1916. Paid 23/2/17.		
b. #533	Dairy Farm Company, Ld.	60,000	£1 all	74	Jan.	29	Dec.	41	23	{ \$3 for year ending 31/7/16 paid 31/10/16.		
b. #55	Green Island Cement Co. Ld.	400,000	\$17.50 all	1120	Oct.	520	Jan.	1210	800	{ 80 cts. for 1916. 27/3/17.		
b. #493	Hongkong Electric Co., Ld.	60,000	\$10 all	45	Oct.	361/2	Feb.	55	43	{ \$2.25 for year 29/2/16.		
b. #151	Hongkong Ice Co., Ld.....	6,500	\$25 all	190	Dec.	183	Oct.	190	151	{ Fin. Div. 89 making \$11 for year 1916. Paid 29/3/17.		
b. #29	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld.	60,000	\$10 all	34	Dec.	25	Jan.	41	29	{ Fin. Div. \$1. Bonus \$1. making \$3 for 1916. Paid 10/3/17.		
b. #740	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	325,000	5/- all	6	Oct.	5	Apr.	750	514	{ Int. Div. 7% at 2/1/- 16.7 Fin. "23% 2/4/- 48 making 64.7 cts. for 1916. Pending.		
b. t. 20	Langkata .....	250,000	g.10 all	43	May	35	Mar.	40	17	{ Tls. 1 for 1916. Pending.		
b. #930	Peak Tramway Co., Ld. (Old)	25,000	\$10 all	1014	Mar.	9.30	June	1025	9	{ 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 31.12.16. Paid 3/2/17.		
b. t. 61	Do. (New)	50,000	\$10 all	1.00	Mar.	80	cts. Aug.	1.00	60 cts.	{ The Hon. George H. Jackson is his heir.		
b. #33	Steam Laundry Co., Ld....	20,000	\$5 all	425	Jan.	3	June	3.80	.34	{ 25 cts. for year ending 31.5.16		
b. #164	Union Water-boat Co., Ld.	27,723	\$10 all</td									

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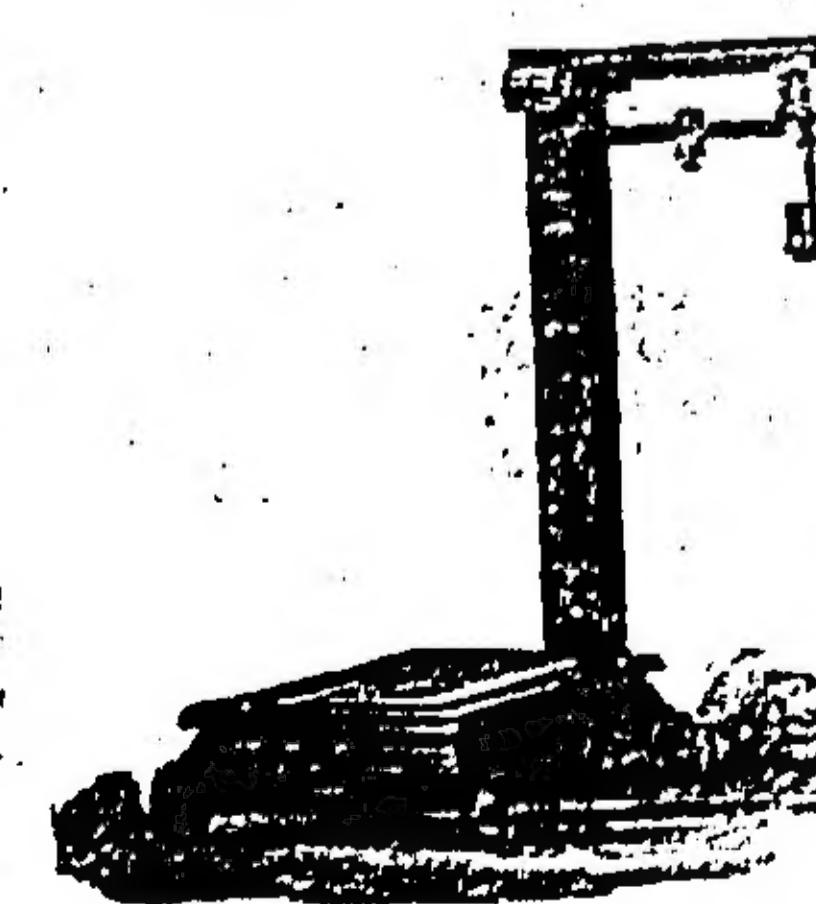
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Effect at Salonica.

The first discussion of the strategical considerations which are supposed to be at the back of the new submarine policy is to be found in an article published on Sunday by the Military Correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung.

The writer insists upon the assertion that the German military and political authorities are now for the first time agreed that the moment has come when the new warfare is politically and militarily possible "as an effective war method." He recites the official explanations, and then adds:-

The strategical foundation for the decisive effect of the submarine war lies on the Continent —on our fronts. They must hold firm. Only then will the success be of a kind to decide the war. As to this Hindenburg, the competent authority for this question, has set our minds at rest.

The purely material effects of the submarine war will not occur in a day and those people who are now talking of England's being laid low in a very short time are rendering no service to the German people. What we have to do is to bring down the people that is mightiest at sea. This cannot be done by the simple decision to conduct a ruthless submarine war. Our decision will provoke the most severe counter-effects. Great power, great determination, and a high degree of skill on the part of the enemy will be opposed to the practical carrying out of our plan.

After a short reference to neutrals, the writer proceeds:-

From a military point of view it is General Sarraff above all who is hit. The Salonic undertaking had in any case its weakness in the necessity of a line of communications by sea. It also required a great deal of tonnage, which consequently was not available for the other requirements of the Entente. The overseas communications of Sarraff's army will now cost considerably more sacrifices, and, as a result of the increased danger, will be still more uncertain and unpredictable. The losses in ships in the Mediterranean will be ever more difficult to make good because elsewhere also tonnage will henceforward decrease more rapidly, while at the same time, in view of the great difficulties, very many ships will be urgently needed for the French and English coasts. It should be added that the abandonment of the Salonic undertaking, which has already often been considered, will have the its difficulties in the present circumstances.

The writer adds a few general remarks about prospects on land:-

While the most decisive events at sea, in which perhaps the two High Sea Fleets will also come into action, are being prepared—out of always to the sober calculation that in view of the greatness of the resources on both sides it will take much longer for the decision to ripen than is assumed by many who confuse wishes with realities—there is also being prepared on the continental front the great "decision of 1917."

The enemy Press declares everyday that Germany has really already lost the war, that she is playing her last card at sea because she sees no further prospect of success on land, and that the war has become "a game of hazard" for the Germans. In peculiar contradiction to the enemy's blind confidence in his own favourable situation, discussions are becoming ever more frequent about the possibility of a German offensive to Odessa, about the menacing of Macedonia, and about the prospects of success for a German offensive in the West. To all this is added the formation of an English volunteer corps for the defence of England against an "invasion" by German troops. Is this last measure seriously meant, or does it correspond with the Italian *sacra e ferma*, which, under the pretence of needing Italian troops in the country, demands itself against releasing any force for France? Is the idea to use the bogey of the possibility

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Chiyo M., Jap. ss. 1,065 Kawada, 5th Apr.—Hongry, 3rd Apr. Coal-Osawa & Co.  
Chipping, Br. ss. 1,189 Jarr. ft. 5th Apr.—Tientsin, 30th Apr. Gen. J. M. & Co.  
Kunashir M., Jap. ss. 4,063 Eos. 5th Apr.—Osaka, 5th Mar. Gen. O. S. K.  
Shunchong, Chi. ss. 987 Kyle, 5th Apr.—Saigon, 26th Mar. Rice—Chinese.  
Taming, Br. ss. 1,350 Pennefather, 5th Apr.—Amoy, 4th Apr. Gen. B. & S. Feole, Chi. ss. 859 Miyaka, 6th Apr.—Bangkok, 18th Mar. Rice—Chinese.  
Gontoer, Dut. ss. 3,703 R.S. Ondjendj, 6th Apr.—Batavia, Gen. J. C. L. Haitan, Br. ss. 1,183 Hodgins, 5th Apr.—Swatow, 5th Apr. Gen. D. L. & Co.  
Yungshui, Chi. ss. 992 Jones, 6th Apr.—Salagon, 1st Apr. Rice—Chinese.  
Wingsang, Br. ss. 1,418 Morrison, 7th Apr.—Shanghai, Gen. J. M. & Co.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. GOINTOER, from Batavia, on April 6.  
Blyde C de  
Bolt A E  
Brabazon  
Conrad F W  
Downie W  
Fitzgerald F  
Fox A Van  
Gardner R N  
Paxton W E  
Raitton N L

## TIDE TABLE.

From 2nd Apr. to 8th Apr.

	High Water	Water	Low Water	Height
Port	Hrs.	Min.	Hrs.	Min.
Mon.	1	44	1	44
Tues.	2	47	2	47
Wed.	3	50	3	50
Thurs.	4	53	4	53
Fri.	5	56	5	56
Sat.	6	59	6	59
Sun.	7	62	7	62

m morning. a afternoon.

Supreme Court Vacation. The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Easter Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays when the offices will be entirely closed. The Easter Vacation commences on April 6, 1917, and terminates on April 12, 1917, (both days inclusive).

Public Vaccinators. The following have been appointed public vaccinators:—Messrs. Alfred Morris; Herbert Wallace Bay, Lam Mai-sac, Lee Yo-tung, Fong Hoi-shuen, Au Yek-shing, Yam Kwan-son, Chau Yueng, Kwok Kwei-fong, Wong Yau-kan, Yeung Man-yuk.

of a German invasion to deceive the French concerning the English Army's front in France?

The *Berliner Tageblatt*, under the heading "Berlin and Elsewhere," publishes the experiences of a traveller who has gone about Germany to investigate the diversity of food conditions. The writer says:—

The surprises began already in the train. In Thuringen a chief forester still in Government service remarked that there has hitherto been hardly any trace of privations in country districts, and that, if Berlin is now less well off, that will do the Berliners no harm, as they formerly did themselves well beyond all reasonable measure. As soon as one knocks at the door of any farmer and merely mentions the name of Berlin, one can be sure that he will not produce the smallest quantity of food; and when a chief forester, with his superior education, holds such views, one cannot take ill of the simple farmer who knows nothing of political economy.

The *Tageblatt* writer noted that in Central Germany there is plenty of imported ham, although it costs 12/- lb. He gives a list of Central German luxuries, which include bacon, several kinds of sausages, ducklings, onions, Danish milk, Danish cream, Dutch cheese, pepper, roll coffee, chocolate, sweetmeats, biscuits, walnuts, hazel nuts, and soda.—*Times*.

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